REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed

September 8, 2004 (Paper No. 20040611). Upon entry of this response, claims 7-23 are pending

in the application. In this response, claim 7 has been amended, and claims 11-23 have been

added. Applicants respectfully requests that the amendments being filed herewith be entered and

that there be reconsideration of all pending claims.

1.   Rejection of Claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 7-10 have been rejected under §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by *Wilson* (U.S.

6,718,347). A proper rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102 requires that a single prior art

reference disclose each element of the claim. *See, e.g., W.L. Gore & Assoc., Inc. v. Garlock,*

Inc., 721 F.2d 1540, 220 U.S.P.Q. 303, 313 (Fed. Cir. 1983).

a. Claim 7

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 7 has been overcome by claim

amendments made herein. Applicants respectfully submit that *Wilson* fails to teach, disclose or

suggest at least the feature of automatically updating at least one application program

configuration parameter in response to updating at least one corresponding stored application

configuration parameter in said database as recited in amended claim 7. *Wilson* contains no

discussion at all of "parameters" or "configuration parameters". The discussion in *Wilson* of an

"application program" is limited to the general statement that: "the processor 104 executes an

application program stored in the memory 106 to perform the functions of the Web server"

(Col. 1, lines 30-35). For at least the reason that *Wilson* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest this

element of claim 7, Applicants respectfully submit that *Wilson* does not anticipate claim 7.

Therefore, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 7 be withdrawn.

b. Claim 10

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 10. Applicants respectfully submit

that *Wilson* fails to teach, disclose or suggest at least the feature of "at least one network server

running at least one application program, wherein application program operation is defined at

least in part by a set of configuration parameters stored on said at least one network server and

associated with said application program operation; a database separate from said at least one

network server and storing a copy of said set of configuration parameters" as recited in claim 10.

Wilson contains no discussion at all of "parameters" or "configuration parameters". The

discussion in *Wilson* of an "application program" is limited to the general statement that: "the

processor 104 executes an application program stored in the memory 106 to perform the

functions of the Web server" (Col. 1, lines 30-35). For at least the reason that *Wilson* fails to

disclose, teach or suggest this element of claim 10, Applicants respectfully submit that *Wilson*

does not anticipate claim 10. Therefore, Applicants request that the rejection of claim 10 be

withdrawn.

c. Claims 8-9

Since claim 7 is allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 8-9 are allowable

for at least the reason that each depends from an allowable claim. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071,

5 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1596, 1598 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the

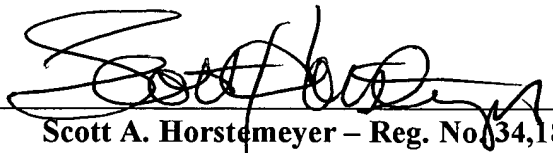rejection of claims 8-9 be withdrawn.

2.   <u>Newly Added Claims</u>

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added in new claims 11-23 and that new claims 11-23 are allowable over the cited references. Specifically, Applicants respectfully submit that since claims 7 and 10 are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above, claims 11-23 are allowable for at least the reason that each depends from an allowable claim. Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner enter and allow the above new claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be
withdrawn and that this application and presently pending claims 7-23 be allowed to issue. If the
Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is
encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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